

Freedmen's Relief Association,

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My dear Garrison

The enclosed correspondence should perhaps find a place in the Liberator. I know there are complaints that there is "more" than too much of this "Thump" for business in your paper, and I don't therefore assume to say that this ought to go in.

I thank you for your freedom in speaking to me as you do about the Oberlin-Ohio Question. As connected with your name, I feel the delicacy of the question, & you may be sure that I will be

careful what I say. I know
the backs of the gentlemen you
refer to. "Miller McKim" said ^{to F. Foster} ^{when}
to me - when he & I & I ^{and} called here
the other day - "I am amazed that
you can be for a Crispian
Candidate"; and so he pitches
into Lincoln. I. M. D. takes up
the theme, and asks "What do
" our Lincoln men "think of food for?
and then he pitches in in favor
of Fremont. "I ^{answer:} am not a parti-
zan of any man. I am not
an admirer of Mr Lincoln; but
as on the issue you now raise,
I am for Lincoln and against
Fremont. on the issue raised
by the Pomeroy circular -
that mischievous ^{paper} circular that

incubated upon us they cannot
deny - I am for Lincoln &
against Chase. If tomorrow
the Butler men should
announce publicly an organized
movement to put their favorite
in the Presidential Chair &
I should be called upon to ex-
press my sentiments I should
say - "I am for Lincoln &
not for Butler".

Now unless if the Convention
be postponed till
August or September & no
nomination made till then,
I say "I will for by that
time we shall have my
passage. I think well of
Butler and it may be that
by that time I shall think

him the man to be nominated
and elected."

But at present as an abolition-
ist, as a man and as a citi-
zen, I feel bound to do nothing
that will give aid & comfort
to the enemy. Mr Lincoln is not
merely a candidate for the next
term ~~of the Presidency~~; he is
now President of the United
States. To prove that he ought
not to be President next year,
we must demonstrate that he
is not worthy of confidence this
year; & to do this is to do the
work of the enemy; to be al-
lied with Vallandigham,
Feymour, Woodward, Paul
Clemens & Wm B Reed; to
perform the part of all other
most-desecrated to the heart of
the rebel & a copper head.

And all in the name
of "im am pursuing abolition
ism!" and because the
"Government need at
it - lead a radical
man!"

My love to Mrs S. I
am sorry I am not
coming on. I have much
to say to you - or should
have, had I your ear.

If Thompson's letter
of acceptance should come

Many thanks for the photograph. It
is good of you, but not just to

Fanny

to you show to criticism
don't hold him to account.
I acted for him in the
matter. Failing to get
a formal letter of accep-
tance from him - though
I wrote separately for me -
I wrote one myself, -
interpreting his silence
as an order for to do.
That was not - for-
get, was it?

Yours

J. M. Kim

